

# **2004 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARDS**

## **Natural Heritage Conservation Award**



### **PURPOSE:**

This award is given to an individual or an organization for 2002 efforts in the protection and preservation of Tennessee's natural landscape and its native flora and fauna.

### **ELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS:**

The nominee must have exhibited an understanding of the importance of Tennessee's natural heritage and demonstrated an outstanding commitment to protection and preservation of this heritage through sustained efforts. There may be separate or multiple awards in this category for East, Middle, and West Tennessee.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

1. Does the project provide for the long-term protection and enhancement of biological diversity?
2. Does the project have a long-term positive impact?
3. Does the project incorporate utilization of natural resources along with conservation of the resources?
4. Does the project have a broad scope (e.g., include conservation of both biotic and abiotic aspects of the environment; include aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems)?
5. Has the applicant demonstrated a firm commitment to the continued protection of the project area?